

November 24, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Starostka at 7:01 p.m. Thursday, October, 2015 in the Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Starostka, Robinson, Riblett Wichmann, Ogden, and Friedrichsen. Not present Hannappel, Ferris, Wiegert. Also present was Jen Myers, Planning Administrator. The meeting notice was published in both the Central City and Palmer Papers. Notice of this meeting was delivered to the Chairperson and members prior to the meeting. Open meeting notice procedures were presented by Starostka. Meeting minutes were available for review ten days prior to the meeting.

Ogden motions to approve the October 2015 minutes as written. Robinson seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 6-0.

Wichmann motions to open public hearing for the Conditional Use Application submitted by Werner Construction. Friedrichsen seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 6-0. Public hearing opened 7:04 p.m.

Myers presented information regarding the Conditional Use Application for Werner Construction for the purposes of pumping sand and gravel in Section 31, Township 13, Range 6 and Section 36 Township 13 Range 7 in Merrick County. It will be a similar operation to what was presented by Werner Construction at the September meeting. Depending on pumping capacity this site could be in use for up to 20 years. It will have a 100 foot burn around the location. Myers stated she had one phone call about this from a former planning commission board member who was calling on behalf of on an out of state adjacent land owner. He was just making sure this operation would be in compliance with our regulations. Myers stated to him that it would be. Terry Wilhelm from Werner Construction and Dan Hansen from Deweese Sand and Gravel were both present. They reiterated that this location was presented to them by the leasing land owner. They plan on possibly starting at this location before the other approved location. Myers stated this application complies with the necessary application process in the conditional use section of the AG-1 zoning district for the purposes of pumping sand and gravel. No other discussion was held. Wichmann motions to close the public hearing. Riblett seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 6-0.

Friedrichsen motions to approve the Conditional Use application and recommend approval to the Merrick County Board of Supervisors with the conditions the application be reviewed in one (1) year with a subsequent review in three (3) years. In addition, the lease agreement will be provided to the Zoning Administrator. Robinson seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 6-0.

Keith Marvin presented some final information regarding the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations.

No public comment.

Starostka adjourns meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting December 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.